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The U.S. and Germany on July 21 reached a deal allowing the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that will deliver gas from Russia to Germany circumventing Ukraine. The agreement includes provisions to assist Ukraine with its energy sector and diplomatic initiatives, but it remains unclear to what extent these concessions will help Ukraine make up for lost gas transit fees from Russia or protect itself from further Russian aggression. Ukrainian and Polish Foreign Ministers, Dmytro Kuleba and Zbigniew Rau, condemned the deal, writing that it "cannot be considered sufficient to effectively limit the threats caused by Nord Stream 2" (AFP, Kostyantyn Chernichkin, Axel Schmidt/Nord Stream 2)



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